## ADVISORY FOR EMMONS BAYOU LIFTED

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Panama City, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) is lifting the advisory for Emmons Bayou from Wallace Road to Yacht Club Drive.

The advisory was issued on June 24, 2021 following a release of approximately **25,000 gallons of raw sewage**. This was due to a manhole overflowing in the **6400 block of Wallace Road**. The release entered **Emmons Bayou**.

Sewage contamination of water can expose swimmers to **intestinal viruses**, **bacteria**, and **parasites**. Swimming in the water may cause **symptoms like food poisoning** with vomiting and diarrhea. **Infection is possible** in **open cuts and wounds** that come in contact with the water.

For more information, contact the DOH-Bay's Environmental Health office at 850-481-4806 or visit Bay. Florida Health.gov.

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